

Faith That Floats

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowd. After He had dismissed them, He went up on a mountainside by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw Him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

Matthew 14:22-26

Find The _____

But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

Matthew 14:27

"In my life journey, I have found time and time again that God changes the parameters of my _____. He increases His _____ of me."

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Dream The _____

"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."
Matthew 14:28

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

Answer The _____

"Come," He said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

Matthew 14:29

And the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses. Tell the priests who carry the ark of the covenant: 'When you reach the edge of the Jordan's waters, go and stand in the river.'"

Joshua 3:7-8 (NIV)

Matthew 8:2, 8:10, 9:18, 9:21, 9:28, 14:36, 15:28, 20:33, Mark 1:40, 5:23, 5:28, 6:55, 7:26, 10:51, Luke 1:48, 2:19, 5:12, 5:20, 7:9, 18:41, 23:42, John 1:49, 2:5, 4:50, 9:38, 11:3, 11:21, 11:32, Acts 3:6, 5:15, 19:12, Romans 4:19, 1 Cor. 13:2, Hebrews 11:19.

"I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father."

John 14:12 (NIV)

Focus On The _____

But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out His hand and caught him. "You of little faith," He said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Matthew 14:30-33 (NIV)

In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 2:17 (NIV)